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Klamath National Forest Announces Fire Restrictions

Yreka, CA- Effective Monday, August 6, 2012, the Klamath National Forest will limit areas where recreationists can have campfires on the Forest. This restriction is based on very dry forest vegetation and expected increased fire activity. Forest officials are implementing the restrictions to prevent human-caused fires and raise public awareness as the summer continues to get warmer and drier.

"Allowing open campfires only in designated recreation sites and higher elevations where conditions are not as dry and use is fairly low will help minimize the potential of accidentally starting a wildland fire," explained Forest Supervisor Patricia Grantham.

With the increased fire risk, forest visitors are reminded to exercise caution when visiting the National Forest. Travelers through the Forest should remain on designated roads and never park on dry brush or grass.

Fire restrictions include:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, except in the Trinity Alps, Russian, Marble Mountain and Siskiyou Wilderness Areas and Designated Recreation Sites.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or a building, within the Designated Recreation Sites, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren of all flammable material.
- Welding, or operating an acetylene torch with an open flame.
- Using an explosive.
- Operating an internal combustion engine, except on National Forest System roads or trails, or within the Designated Recreation Sites.

Exempted from the restrictions are:

- Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission. Persons with a valid California Campfire Permit are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above. However, persons with a valid California Campfire Permit may use a portable stove or lantern using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel.
- Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Persons violating these restrictions may be subject to a fine, six months in jail, or both. If a person is found to have caused a wildfire anywhere on the national forest, they can be held liable for suppression costs.

Additional information can be obtained at any Klamath National Forest office. The Order will also be posted on the website at www.fs.usda.gov/klamath

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Designated Recreation Sites and Wilderness Areas by District:

GOOSENEST RANGER DISTRICT

JUANITA LAKE CAMPGROUND AND DAY USE AREA

MARTINS DAIRY CAMPGROUND

SHAFTER CAMPGROUND

FOUR CORNERS SNOWMOBILE PARK

DEER MTN SNOWMOBILE PARK

ORR LAKE CAMPGROUND

HAPPY CAMP AND OAK KNOLL RANGER DISTRICT

CURLY JACK CAMPGROUND

SARAH TOTTEN CAMPGROUND

TREE OF HEAVEN CAMPGROUND

BEAVER CREEK CAMPGROUND

MT. ASHLAND CAMPGROUND

WEST BRANCH CAMPGROUND

GRIDER CREEK CAMPGROUND

GROUSE GAP SHELTER

SULPHUR SPRINGS CAMPGROUND

FORT GOFF CAMPGROUND

POKER FLAT TRAILHEAD

NO MAN'S TRAILHEAD

NORCROSS TRAILHEAD

WILDERNESS AREAS

TRINITY ALPS WILDERNESS

RUSSIAN WILDERNESS

MARBLE MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS

SISKIYOU WILDERNESS

SCOTT RIVER AND SALMON RIVER RD

BRIDGE FLAT CAMPGROUND

JONES BEACH PICNIC AREA

KANGAROO LAKE CG AND PICNIC AREA

TRAIL CREEK CAMPGROUND

INDIAN SCOTTY CAMPGROUND

CARTER MEADOWS GROUP CAMPGROUND

LOVER'S CAMP TRAILHEAD

HIDDEN HORSE CAMPGROUND

BIG FLAT CAMPGROUND

EAST FORK CAMPGROUND

HOTELLING CAMPGROUND

MATTHEWS CREEK CAMPGROUND

MULE BRIDGE CAMPGROUND

RED BANK CAMPGROUND

IDLEWILD CAMPGROUND
TAYLOR LAKE TRAILHEAD
SHADOW CREEK CAMPGRUOND

UKONOM RANGER DISTRICT
DILLON CREEK CAMPGROUND
HAYPRESS TRAILHEAD
NORDHEIMER CAMPGROUND
OAKBOTTOM CAMPGROUND
STANSHAW TRAILHEAD

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